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## **KENTUCKY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN OXYCONTIN CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a third co-defendant pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin.

**Francis M. Summe**, 51, of Fort Mitchell, Ky., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin.

By pleading guilty, **Summe** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute Oxycontin from Oct. 1, 2003, to March 31, 2004. **Summe** admitted that he and others illegally obtained the Oxycontin by procuring prescriptions of the narcotic from doctors. In total, the co-defendants conspired to distribute at least 400 grams of Oxycontin, Graves said.

**Summe** is the third co-defendant to plead guilty in this case.

On Feb. 17, 2005, **Tammy Leavoy-Hines**, 43, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin. By pleading guilty, **Leavoy-Hines** admitted that she conspired with others to distribute Oxycontin from Oct. 1, 2003, to March 31, 2004.

On Oct. 20, 2004, **Robert Wise**, 37, of Overland Park, Kan., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin. By pleading guilty, **Wise** also admitted that he conspired with others to distribute Oxycontin from Oct. 1, 2003, and March 31, 2004.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 30, 2004.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the United States Marshal's Office.

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